



## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

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### Child Care Options

#### General Information about Child Care

[www.childcareaware.org/](http://www.childcareaware.org/)

#### Child Care in the Pittsburgh Area

- [www.care.com/](http://www.care.com/)
- [www.pghschools.org/earlychildhood](http://www.pghschools.org/earlychildhood)
- [www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Education/Early-Learning-Programs-for-Allegheny-County-Residents.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Education/Early-Learning-Programs-for-Allegheny-County-Residents.aspx)

#### Daycare Centers

Centers that are licensed by the state which provide child care in small groups with well-trained employees.

#### Home Care Options

- **Family Care Providers:** care for children in the home of the care provider. This is like a day care environment in a private home.
- **In-Home Care Providers:** take care of children in the client's home (i.e. a nanny).
- **Other Parents:** Find other parents to help take care of your children
- **Babysitters:** short term childcare if you are going out for a brief period of time.
  - **Charge hourly fees and are hired on a need-to-use basis:** always ask for references when you hire a babysitter, and it is normal to interview babysitter first.
  - **Find babysitter through:** asking friends and neighbors or babysitting websites:  
[www.sittercity.com](http://www.sittercity.com)

#### Other Resources

- Allegheny County Health Department Immunization Clinic: [www.achd.net/infectd/clinic.html](http://www.achd.net/infectd/clinic.html)
- Kidsburgh: [www.kidsburgh.org/](http://www.kidsburgh.org/)
- Pittsburgh Parent Magazine: [www.pittsburghparent.com/](http://www.pittsburghparent.com/)
- City of Pittsburgh Parks: [pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/](http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/)
- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh: [www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org/](http://www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org/)

### Child Education

Pennsylvania law requires children to attend school from age 8 to 17, with some limited exceptions. Most children go to school from age 5 (kindergarten) to age 18 (end of high school). *Public school* has free tuition and transportation, and enrollment is assigned based on geographic location of the students' residence. *Public Magnet Schools*, on the other hand, have special educational focus on specific areas – special needs, international studies, arts, sciences, etc. – and have various enrollment requirements depending on the school. For more information of Pittsburgh Public Schools, please visit: [www.pps.k12.pa.us/pbgh](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/pbgh).

When enrolling your child in school you must provide:

- proof of your identity & current visa status of you and your child, i.e. passport (of child's as well), immigration documents, and child's birth certificate
- child's immunization records
  - [www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/388](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/388)

- US Social Security Number of at least one parent
- Proof of residence in the City of Pittsburgh
  - Provide two documents that show current Pittsburgh address (i.e. driver's license, utility bill, tax statement, copy of a lease)

## Additional Information

- **Enrollment in Pittsburgh City Schools:** [www.pps.k12.pa.us/enrollment](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/enrollment)
- **Enrollment if you live outside city limits:** [www.aiu3.net/](http://www.aiu3.net/)
- **Magnet Schools:** [www.pghschools.org/magnet](http://www.pghschools.org/magnet)
- **Independent Schools:** [www.paista.org/](http://www.paista.org/)
- **ESL Programs call:** 412-622-3620

**For more information on how to enroll your child in school, please visit the following sites.**

*How to Enroll a Child in Public School* from the Education Law Center:

[www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ELC\\_SchoolEnrollmentGuide\\_Aug2012.pdf](http://www.elc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ELC_SchoolEnrollmentGuide_Aug2012.pdf)

US Department of Education Fact Sheet on enrolling international children in school:

[www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201405.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201405.pdf)

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